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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Supplemental Office Action mailed May 23, 2006, Applicants resubmit the following amendments and remarks. In light of these amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the all of the claims of the patent application are patentable, and that the application be allowed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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